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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application.

Applicant is entitled to claim small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9(d) and 1.27(c).

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If a CONTINUING APPLICATION

Continuation ☒ Divisional of U.S. Patent Application number 10/162,261, filed June 4, 2002, currently pending, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/529,900, now U.S. Patent No. 6,485,496, issued November 26, 2002

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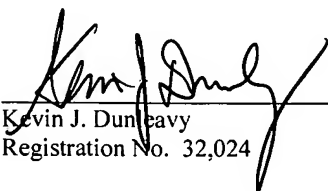
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